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1. Selkirktransaktion

- a. The Selkirktransaktion remain the first priority in VEB Schiffswerft Neptun Rostock.
- b. Ship [] was launched on 2 September 1955. Her completion date is November 1955, although it is doubtful that the yard will finish in time.
- c. No degaussing gear is fitted.
- d. There is no indication that any armament is to be fitted; the decks are not especially reinforced at any point.
- e. Frames are approximately 76 cm. apart, the same as the standard freighters.
- f. The vessels are of welded construction.
- g. The hull is approximately 10 mm. thick over-all, it has no special reinforcement at any point.
- h. No stabilizers are fitted.
- i. All doors throughout the ship are watertight with rubber seals and a small glass scuttle in the center. Each door has four clips. The doors do not yet bear any damage control markings.
- j. Ships [] have two boilers each, which are equipped for automatic coal stoking. Ship [] will be oil burning.
- k. Main engines are now being fitted in ship [].
- l. In hold number 2 are fitted five 400 hp diesel engines, each of which is coupled to a generator which in turn is coupled to an air compressor with an approximate capacity of 150 atmospheres. Seven air bottles are fitted in this compartment but one is used only for starting the diesels (see Appendix A).
- m. Holds 1 and 3 contain large stowage for compressed air tanks, numbers and dimensions unknown.
- n. 350 bunks are to be fitted. All cabins are double.
- o. There is no difference in design or layout of the bridge positions of the normal freighter and the Selkirktransaktion. All living accommodations are equipped with scuttles.

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- p. No more freighters are to be built in the yard. The number of Schwimmbrandwagen to be built is unknown, but work has started or will shortly start on ships [redacted]. The last two freighters were destined for Bulgaria.
- q. Russian personnel will be coming to accept delivery of the Schwimmbrandwagen but number of persons and the date of their arrival is unknown.

2. KUBAN

- a. The name KYEAKH is painted on the bows.
- b. The ship is now lying in Rostock Harbor. From 30 August until 8 September, she carried out sea trials in the Baltic with German technicians on board. This trial was used to familiarize the Russian engineers with the equipment. On her return to Rostock on 8 September, only minor adjustments were necessary. At 0600 on 30 September, the KUBAN sailed once more down river for a short 24 hour trial with only Russian personnel on board, she returned to Rostock on 1 October. The date for finally leaving Rostock is unknown, but it is expected to be within two weeks of 2 October 1955.
- c. The present ships company joined the ship direct from Leningrad and were never accommodated in the barracks at Rostock. Before the main group boarded the ship, there was a pre-commissioning party of about 25 enlisted men who were accommodated in the Uhlen Kaserns; they were employed on miscellaneous duties, sentries, etc.

3. Russian personnel in Rostock

A party of 15 to 20 Russian sailors for duty in the SU 6 are accommodated in the Uhlen barracks.

4. KASTOR

Completion date is set for mid-December 1955. Some 10 to 12 enlisted men from the ship are living in the Uhlen Kaserns.

5. Freighters under construction at Rostock

- a. Freighter [redacted] sailed late August; rumored destination was Leningrad.
- b. Freighter [redacted] Trials started 29 September.
- c. Freighters [redacted], main engines 90% completed.
- d. Freighter [redacted] - Work has been suspended because workers have been transferred to Schwimmbrandwagen [redacted]. Freighter [redacted] main engines are being transferred to Schwimmbrandwagen [redacted].

6. Salvage ships for delivery to the USSR

- a. Ship [redacted] Engines completed. Trials between 2 and 10 October.
- b. Ship [redacted] Engines completed. Engine trials on 9 September. Acceptance trials between 2 and 9 October.
- c. Ship [redacted] Launched on 10 September.
- d. Ships [redacted] are on the building slips.

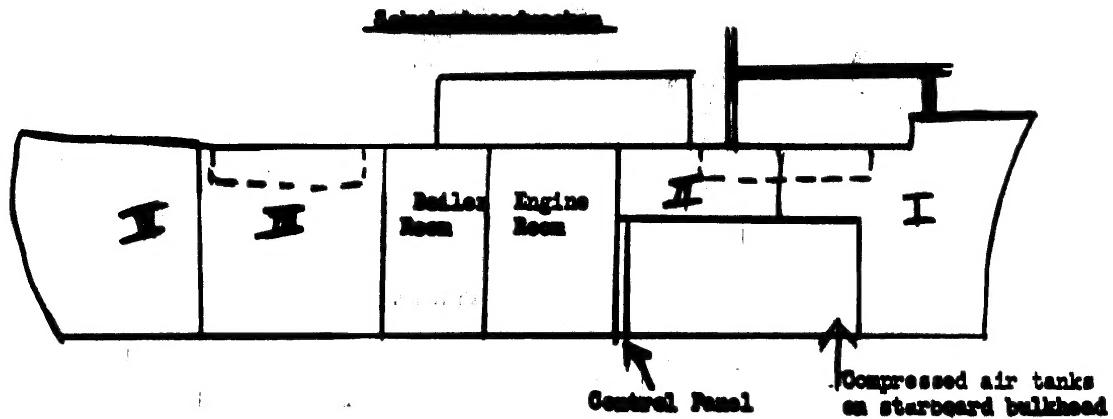
7. Russian tugs refitting

MS [redacted] and MS [redacted] have sailed - date unknown.

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1. Dotted lines show the wall decks of the usual freighters which are covered on the following pages.
2. Holds.
 - No. 1 Living accommodations
 - No. 2 Upper - living accommodations
 - No. 2 Lower - diesel, generators, and air compressors
 - No. 3 Living accommodations. This hold may later be built in two sections as in hold No. 2
 - No. 4 Living accommodations
3. On the forecastle are 4 winches and 2 davitels, one to port and the other to starboard.
4. There is no special bow reinforcement.

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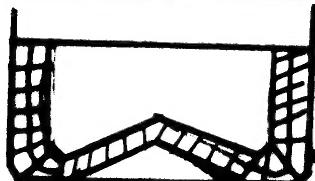
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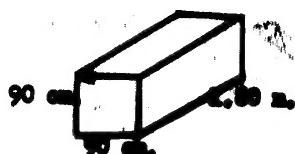
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Annexure B.

Cross section of bottom of No. 2 hold, III, III, and No. 3 hold.



Steel structures² totally enclosed
with the following dimensions:



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1. ~~Martins in the yard have many and varied views on the purpose of the~~
2. These structures are possibly for watertight soundness.

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